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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- FEBRUARY 25

1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA SAYS THAT "ALL OF THE SORLD'S ATTENTION

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IS CENTERED ON THE PARTY CONGRESS" , AND WE WOULD AGREE THT

AT LEAST THE SOVIET PRESS IS CERTAINLY FOCUSED ON THAT EVENT.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SCANTY COVERAGE GIVEN OTHER  
HAPPENING IN THE WORLD ARE:

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CONTINUE TO PAINT THE  
SECRETARY'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA IN UNFLATTERING COLORS,  
QUOTING THE NYT CRITICISM OF THE NEW AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL;

-- IZVESTIYA CRITICIZES THE FRG ROLE IN THE NATO ATLSA  
EXPRESS EXERCISE, THOUGH PRAVDA SAYS NICE THINGS ABOUT THE  
NEWLY PUBLISHED FRG "WORKING PAPER";

-- AND PRAVDA TURNS ATTENTION TO RECONSTRUCTION OF  
ANGOLA'S ECONOMY, SAYS THAT ANGOLA'S "LIBERATION" IS IN-  
CREASING SOUTH AFRICA'S MILITARY SPENDING, AND REPORTS  
BRIEFLY THE OPENING OF THE OAU SUMMIT. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY'S TRAVELS. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY  
IDENTICAL TASS ITEMS CONTINUING UNFLATTERING COMMENTARY ON  
THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA. THE ITEM  
CLAIMS THAT THE SOLE RESULT OF THE TRIP HAS BEEN SIGNATURE  
OF THE U.S.-BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR INCREASED  
CONSULTATIONS. TASS QUOTES THE NYT THAT THE AGREEMENT  
AIDS BRAZIL IN ITS DESIRE TO "PLAY THE ROLE OF A SPECIAL  
PARTNER" OF THE U.S., AND CLAIMS THAT OTHER "AMERICAN  
OBSERVERS" FEAR THAT THE AGREEMENT "WILL CALL FORTH DISSATIS-  
FACTION" AMONG OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES. TASS ALSO  
REPLAYS THE NYT THAT THE NEW ACCORD WILL "STRENGTHEN OPINION  
OF THE U.S. AS A SUPPORTER OF DICTATORIAL REGIMES."

3. NATO/FRG. IZVESTIYA IN A TASS REPORT ANNOUNCES  
THE BEGINNING OF THE ATLAS EXPRESS NATO EXERCISE IN  
NORWAY, NOTING THAT "FOR THE FIRST TIME" FRG GROUND,  
AIR AND NAVAL UNITS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE  
MANEUVERS. THE REPORT ADDS THAT FRG ARMED FORCES "HAVE  
OCCUPIED THE LEADING POSITION AMONG EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF  
THE NORTH ATLANTIC BLOC". IZVESTIYA REPORTS BRIEFLY EFFORT  
BY ICELANDIC OPPOSITION PARTIES TO PUCH NO-CONFIDENCE  
MOTION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR DEMAND THAT ICELAND  
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WITHDRAW FROM NATO. HOWEVER, IZVESTIYA ALSO REPORTS THAT THE  
MOTION WAS DEFEATED. PRAVDA REPORTS THE PUBLICATION OF THE  
FRG "WORKING PAPER" WITH EMPHASIS ON THAT DOCUMENT'S FAVORABLE  
TREATMENT OF THE IMPROVEMENTS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

4. AFRICA. PRAVDA'S COVERAGE OF ANGOLA IS TURNING TO ISSUE  
OF ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTRY, WITH ENTHUSIASTIC  
REPORTS OF PROGRESS MADE SO FAR. PRAVDA NOTES COYLY THAT

SUCH SUCCESS HAS TO A LARGE DEGREE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY "TRADE" WITH THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, NOTING THAT SOVIET AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATE VESSELS ARE NOW DOCKING THERE WITH "INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT, AGRICULTURAL HARDWARE, AUTOMOBILES, AND MEDICINE" IN THEIR HOLDS. IN A SEPARATE TASS ITEM PRAVDA CONTENDS THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS INCREASING MILITARY SPENDING "BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESSES ATTAINED BY NATIONAL-LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHER AFRICA." THE REPORT NOTES GRATUITOUSLY THAT SOUTH AFRICA USES THE SAME ARMSCLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AS DOES NATO, IMPLYING AN ORGANIZATIONAL TIE, AND ADDS THAT THE WESTERN NATIONS ARE OBSERVING THE UN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA ONLY IN THE BREACH. PRAVDA NOTES THE OPENING OF THE OAU SUMMIT IN ADDIS, REPORTING THAT AMONG THEMES BEING CONSIDERED THERE ARE A COORDINATED POSITION ON RELATIONS WITH THE "RACIST REGIMES" OF SOUTHER AFRICA; "THE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN SAHARA"; THE COMORO ISLANDS; AND DJIBOUTI. NO MENTION IS MADE IN THE REPORT OF NATIONAL-LIBERATION STATUS FOR POLISARIO. STOESSEL

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